

Holy Trinity

Headington Quarry



The Third Sunday of Epiphany
Sunday 23rd January 2022, 10am

The Gathering

Words of welcome

Hymn

Please stand

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
based on Psalm 72

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister says

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Firmly (♩ = 108) *f*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on

6 earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and

10 Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

14 glo-ry. *mf* Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the

20 Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

25 world: *p* have mer-cy on us; *cresc.* you are sea-ted at the

29 right hand of the Fa-ther: *f* re-ceive our prayer. For

33 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

37 you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

41 *ff* Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - - men.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
 whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
 the wonder of your saving presence:
 renew your people with your heavenly grace,
 and in all our weakness
 sustain us by your mighty power;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Please stand.

CELTIC ALLELUIA



The Gospel is announced.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel reading: Luke 42:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Sermon

Rev'd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick or in particular need:

Naomi Lawrence, Charles Reade, Kate Samuel, Mary Jenkins, Barbara Farrar, Josie, Grace, Sue Saville, Vincent, Wilfred Wong, Bob Nind.

Those who have died recently: Stuart William Douglas. John Stubbles.

Rosemary Hill. Lorraine Glenn.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

David Saville, Robert Oliver, Peter Hughes, Dennis Dymond.

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with a bow or a wave or a smile – please remain in your place.

Hymn

Thanks to God whose word was spoken
in the deed that made the earth.
His the voice that called a nation,
his the fires that tried her worth.
God has spoken:
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate
glorified the flesh of man;
deeds and words and death and rising
tell the grace in heaven's plan.
God has spoken:
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word was written
in the Bible's sacred page,
record of the revelation
showing God to every age.
God has spoken:
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word is published
in the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished
by the change of time or place.
God has spoken:
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word is answered
by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,
life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking:
praise him for his open word.

R.T. Brooks (1918-1985)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Sanctus

Easily (♩ = 100) **mp** UPPER VOICES ONLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

mf ALL **cresc.**

God of power and might, God of power and might,

f

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

ff

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Benedictus

Quiet and reflective (♩ = 100) **p**

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

mp warmly

Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

p hushed

high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he praised you.
 He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour taught us, so we pray.
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation

**but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Gently flowing (♩ = 63)

mf CONGREGATION

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

p Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

a little slower

Grant us, — grant us — peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

As the president receives the bread and wine, all who wish to receive communion join in saying 'Amen'.

This is God's table and all are welcome here. Please follow the directions of the steward and follow the one-way system as you return to your seat. Please do also come forwards if you would like a prayer of blessing instead, and hold onto this booklet to indicate this.

Hymn

One is the body and one is the Head,
one is the Spirit by whom we are led;
one God and Father,
one faith and one call for all.

Christ who ascended to heaven above
is the same Jesus whose nature is love,
who once descended
to bring to this earth new birth.

Gifts have been given well-suited to each,
some to be prophets, to pastor or preach,
some, through the gospel,
to challenge, convert and teach.

Called to his service are women and men
so that his body might ever again
witness through worship,
through deed and through word
to Christ our Lord.

John L. Bell (b. 1949)
based on Ephesians 4.11-16

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,**

**that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Sending Out

Hymn

Please stand

Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain,
informed of God's own bias,
we ponder once again:
'How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest
turn prayer and pity blind?'

From those forever victims
of heartless human greed,
their cruel plight composes
a litany of need:
'Where are the fruits of justice?
Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners
and dreams find their release?'

God asks, 'Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?'

Amused in someone's kitchen,
asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients
exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
a saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools.

John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Notices: January 23rd

Sunday Jan 23rd The Third Sunday of Epiphany.

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer

10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer: Mondays at 9am

Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am

Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am

Prayers for Hope and Healing: Thursdays at 8.30pm (via Zoom).

Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity there will be a prayer service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **today at 3pm**, at All Saints Church. The service has been planned by the Churches of the Middle East and is a reflective service based on Matthew 2.1-12 (the Journey of the Magi). There will be hymns, prayers and an opportunity for silent meditation on the gospel passage. All are welcome.

Choral Evensong 6th Feb 6pm. Come and listen to beautiful music and well-loved words, and join us in the joy of being to sing again in church. Also a date for your diary: on **6th March Choral Evensong** will be at **St Nicholas, Old Marston**, joint with our choir. Laura will be preaching at this 'return leg' of our evensong exchange. Do come and join us there!

Monday Philosophy Club Following the success of the first session, The Monday Philosophy Club will continue to meet fortnightly on Monday evenings at 7pm with the next meeting being on the **24th January** where we will be discussing Heraclitus and his views of order and chaos. Everyone is welcome to join, with the sessions being aimed at all experience ranges.

Feel free to join us on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/72674163572>

Madonna Statue The Madonna and Child Statue is still awaiting restoration. We appreciate everyone's patience as we obtain a faculty from the DAC, which will enable the statue to be removed and the restoration work (by a specialist company) to commence.

Churchyard Update The Churchyard is a fabulous resource for the whole community and we are so grateful for the work that everyone has put into it over the last few years. In conversation with the Working Party and PCC, Margaret and Dave, as wardens, took on overall responsibility for the Church Yard earlier last year. Their first priorities were to make graves accessible, sort out the big trees and move certain planting away from the Church walls. They are making progress on these and they hope you like the results. This only covers the big stuff, the canvas if you like, there is so much more to do and we are really keen to get everyone involved. More of this in the next few months.

Love's Philosophy a recital of songs and arias celebrating St Valentine's Day at The Coach House on **Saturday February 12th at 7.30pm**. Donations towards the Church Development Building fund. Our thanks to Maggie Cooper and her Mum Maureen Cooper for organising this fundraising event. Please come and support.

Church Charities Review 2021 The four charities supported by Holy Trinity over a number of years were reviewed in Autumn 2021. These were: Opportunity International; Practical Compassion for Destitute Children; Asylum Welcome and The Archway Foundation. Following nominations from the congregation, the final selection for the next four years was made by the PCC and the charities are: Local: The Archway Foundation and The Oxford Homeless Movement. International/Non-local: Christians Against Poverty and WaterAidUK.

The January Auction has been postponed due to the current Covid situation but will go ahead in the Summer. Please look out for further updates.

PCC Meeting The PCC will meet on Wednesday 26th January at 7.30pm (via Zoom). Please hold us in your prayers.

Ceilidhs at All Saints Church

Starting on February 5th, on the first Saturday of every month All Saints Highfield is hosting a ceilidh inside the Church! All ages are welcome. The dances will be simple and there will be a caller, so this is an ideal activity for novices to country dancing. Light refreshments and water will be provided. We hope these dances will bring joy and add to the community spirit of Headington! For more information contact Charlotte, at ceilidh@allsaintsheadington.org.uk

NB: All minors must ask their parents' or guardian's permission before attending. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. 7:30-9pm. £2 Entry

Bring and Fix Café: Do your New Year Resolutions include being eco-friendly and repairing a few malfunctioning appliances and household items? But you lack the know-how? Don't condemn such items to landfill! Experts will fix them for free on Tuesdays 10-12 at Gladstone Rd. Community Centre, OX3 8LL.

List of Eco Resources: The list of webinars, other programmes on eco matters in the early part of 2022, and for suggested eco reading material, please see: <https://www.hthq.uk/eco-church-resources/> (Hilary Rollin for HTHQ Eco Church Group)

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showing God's love to all.*

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